THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) All State Governments have been requested by the Central Government to take necessary action to increase the judge strength as per the direction of the Supreme Court and inform the Central Government about the steps taken in this regard. Further, a 7 member Committee comprising Registrar Generals of High Courts and Law Secretaries of States/UTs has been constituted to examine and recommend norms for creation of Judge strength in District/Subordinate Courts keeping in view the Judgement of the Supreme Court of 21st March, 2002 in the case of All India Judges Association and Others *Vs.* Union of India and Others.

Appointments in Class-III and IV posts in DDA

*312. SHRI R.N. ARYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total appointments made by DDA, till date, in Class-III and IV posts from direct recruitment and employees promoted from Class-IV to III during the last three years;

(b) the details of SC/ST appointments in Class-III and IV; and

(c) the total number of cases registered for appointments on compassionate ground for Class-III and IV during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Delhi Development Authority has reported that total appointment made through direct recruitment by it in Class-III posts is 3939 and in Class-IV posts is 1014. Out of these, 366 appointments in Class-III and 479 appointments in Class-IV belong to Scheduled Caste category and 26 appointments in Class-III belong to ScheduledTribe category.

During the last three years, 18 Class-IV employees have been promoted to Class-III.

237 cases have been registered for appointment on compassionate grounds during the last three years.